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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date:	November 15, 1999
Meeting Time:	1:00 P.M.
Meeting Place:	State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 128
Meeting City:	Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number:	1

Members Present: Rep. Dale Sturtz, Chairperson.

Members Absent: Rep. Cleo Duncan; Sen. Murray Clark; Sen. Lindel Hume.

Representative Dale Sturtz, Chairperson of the Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP), called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

The first person to testify was Paula Smith, Branch Chief of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Office of Voluntary Compliance. After a brief overview of the Office of Voluntary Compliance, Ms. Smith distributed a memorandum (see Exhibit 1) to the CAP concerning compliance and technical assistance program activities since the last CAP meeting in November of 1998.

After briefly discussing IDEM personnel changes since the last CAP meeting, Ms. Smith made the following points concerning compliance and technical assistance programs:

*IDEM's Protecting Children from Environmental Threats program is still operating

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and involves reducing toxic substances, educating families, and involving children.

*The Lead Awareness Program has provided 1,600 free lead risk assessments statewide.

*The Simple Steps for Families program (see Exhibit 2) is still operating and provides options for families to make their homes safer for children by educating families on how to prevent exposure to common household dangers such as secondhand smoke, mercury, lead, radon, and pesticides.

*The Mercury Awareness Program (see Exhibit 3) is still operating and informs Hoosiers about the serious health threats associated with mercury. The Program has collected over 2,700 pounds of elemental and other mercury devices and debris.

*The 5-Star Recognition Program for Child Care Facilities was developed and recognizes those facilities that go above and beyond the requirements of environmental, health, and safety regulations based on how they address lead, radon, asbestos, pesticides, mercury, indoor air quality, fire safety, recycling, energy efficiency, and environmental education.

*The Environmental Partnership Agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region V is a joint commitment between IDEM and the EPA that is being finalized and will state the roles that each agency will play in reaching environmental goals.

*The Governor's Toxics Reduction Challenge was commenced in April 1999 and established several goals and objectives for manufacturers and businesses to achieve in reducing toxic substances in Indiana.

*The Multi-Media Compliance Team pilot program has been completed and the final report is being prepared.

*The IDEM Compliance and Technical Assistance Program has been expanded to include persons who operate confined feeding operations.

*The Pollution Complaint Clearinghouse is now operating.

*IDEM has applied for a second grant to continue environmental work with AmeriCorps.

*The "100% Club" is being developed to acknowledge businesses and industries that maintain compliance for all of 1999 (www.state.in.us/idem/100percentclub).

*A "Greening the Government" Executive Order was signed by Governor Frank O'Bannon in April 1999 to require all state facilities to double-side all documents, use re-refined oil, and establish a recycling coordinator.

*IDEM is giving a grant to the Indiana Clean Manufacturing Technology and Safe Materials Institute to assist small business electroplaters to meet the goals of the Strategic Goals Program.

*Concerning other Compliance and Technical Assistance Programs:

*The confidentiality policy and training continues to be followed.

*The web page (www.state.in.us/idem/ctap) has been increasingly improved over the last year.

*From September 1998 to November 1999 the phone assistance team handled 2,595 calls.

*From September 1998 to November 1999 237 facilities were visited and provided with on-site assistance.

*Several education projects and initiatives, many including the creation of compliance manuals, are underway involving drycleaners, the vehicle maintenance industry, the collision repair and automotive refinishing industry, the printing industry, fiberglass reinforced plastic manufacturers, the wood finishing industry, mercury reduction, hospitals, and a searchable Toxic Release Inventory database (www.state.in.us/idem/oppta/tri).

*Several workshops have been conducted around the state to provide assistance to vehicle maintenance shops, drycleaners, and businesses that

must comply with federal Toxic Release Inventory reporting requirements.

*"5-Star" Recognition Programs have been established for drycleaners, vehicle maintenance shops, and child care facilities (see Exhibit 4).

*The Mercury Thermostat Reduction and Recycling Program continues.

*Applications for the next Governor's Awards for Recycling are going out in the mail and will be awarded in May 2000.

*Eight Indiana facilities received the 1999 Governor's Awards for Excellence in Pollution Prevention.

*Several publications are available or will soon be available including the Small Business Assistance Program Annual Report, the IDEM Pollution Prevention Annual Report, an Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance brochure (see Exhibit 5), and a new Access IDEM pamphlet.

In response to questions from Representative Sturtz, Ms. Smith stated that all information provided to the Office of Voluntary Compliance was confidential unless it involved a "clear and immediate danger" and could harm the health of humans or animals. She said the Office had yet to have circumstances arise to cause them to report some condition to the proper enforcement authority.

Ms. Smith concluded her testimony by stating that the Sears store in Fort Wayne and IDEM have commenced a project that involves collecting and properly disposing of unbroken fluorescent light tubes that still contain mercury gas. She said IDEM was trying to expand this program statewide.

Representative Sturtz adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.